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FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN FROM STAFFORD MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE,
USGAO; SECSTATE FOR DIR OPERATIONS ANALYSIS AND GAO LIAISON
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SUBJ: IMPACT OF PUBLIC LAW 480 AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE HAS BEEN REQUESTED
BY THE CHAIRMAN, SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS,
COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TO REVIEW THE IMPACT OF PUBLIC LAW 480 AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS IN CHILE, INDIA, KOREA, AND THE PHILIPPINES, IN ADDITION
TO PERFORMING WORK IN THESE COUNTRIES, WORK ALSO WILL BE PERFORMED
AT THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND AGRICULTURE AND AT THE AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID) IN WASHDC. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE
AND AGRICULTURE AND AID WERE ADVISED OF THIS REVIEW BY LETTERS DATED
AUG 25, 1975.

ESSENTIALLY, GAO HAS BEEN ASKED TO DETERMINE AID'S COMPLIANCE WITH
SECTION 102(B)(5) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1973 WHICH STATES:
"UNITED STATES BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE SHOULD GIVE THE HIGHEST
PRIORITY TO UNDERTAKINGS SUBMITTED BY HOST GOVERNMENTS WHICH DIRECTLY
IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE POOREST OF THEIR PEOPLE

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AND THEIR CAPACITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF

THEIR COUNTRIES."

THIS REVIEW WILL BE CONCERNED WITH FY 1975 AND 1976 DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE LOANS AND GRANTS AND THE PL 480 TITLE I AND II. THE WORK WILL INCLUDE (1) DETERMINING MISSION DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "DIRECTLY IMPROVE" AND "THE POOREST OF THEIR PEOPLE," (2) REVIEW OF PROCESSES FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT DESIGN, MONITORING, AND REPORTING BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, (3) DETERMINING THE DISPOSITION OF COUNTERPART FUNDS GENERATED BY PL 480 SALES, (4) COORDINATION OF PL 480 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER U.S. ASSISTANCE, (5) BENEFITS FROM FUNDING AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND STRENGTHENING LAND GRANT COLLEGE PARTICIPATION TO INCREASE WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION, AND (6) EFFECT OF ANNUAL DONATIONS ON PROGRAMS IN AID RECEIVING COUNTRIES.

WE ANTICIPATE THAT TO PERFORM WORK REQUESTED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE GAO STAFF TO REVIEW DOCUMENTS AT THE MISSION, INTERVIEW U.S. AND GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES OFFICIALS AND PROGRAM RECIPIENTS, AND OBSERVE SELECTED PROJECTS TO DETERMINE IF PROJECTS HAVE DIRECT IMPACT ON THE MOST NEEDY. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE REVIEW, WE REQUEST THAT PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE PUBLIC LAW 480 AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN THE PHILIPPINES PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON THESE PROGRAMS ON OCT 15, 1975. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THEM MAKING AVAILABLE COPIES OF APPLICABLE PL 480 SALES AGREEMENTS, PROAGS, LOAN AGREEMENTS AND CAPS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1975 AND 1976, AND COPIES OF REPORTS SHOWING PROGRAM OPERATING DATA AND REPORTS OF INSPECTIONS, AUDITS, AND SPECIAL STUDIES. WORK ON THE ASSIGNMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE UNDER THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF JAMES N. STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE AND WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE FOLLOWING GAO REPRESENTATIVES:

OLIVER G. HARTER, SUPERVISOR

RICHARD R. PLAMONDON

I CERTIFY THAT MESSRS. HARTER AND PLAMONDON HAVE BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY INFORMATION CLASSIFIED UP TO AND INCLUDING TOP SECRET ON THE BASIS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THE REPRESENTATIVES NAMED HEREIN PRESENT OFFICIAL GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS.

WE ESTIMATE THAT IT WILL TAKE TWO MEN ABOUT 5 WEEKS TO PERFORM THIS REVIEW.

STAFFORD AND HARTER WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS ON OCT 14. STAFFORD AND HARTER WILL ARRIVE

MANILA OCT 13, AT 1640 ON KL #861. PLAMONDON WILL
ARRIVE AT A LATER DATE. REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS (2
SINGLES) ; THE HOTEL FILIPINAS AND TRANSPORTATION FROM
AIRPORT TO HOTEL ON OCT 13. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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